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# Scientific Publications of Richard L. Hoffman

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Richard Lawrence Hoffman was a prolific and gifted writer who published more than 520 scientific papers and books during his lifetime, as well as more than 50 popular articles. At the time of his death at age 84 on 10 June 2012, he was actively working on several dozen additional projects, manuscripts, and notes, with many others in the early planning stages. Some of these unfinished projects and papers may be completed by others, but most will likely never appear in print, at least not under his name. Seventeen of Dr. Hoffman's final papers pertaining to the natural history of Virginia appear in this issue of *Banisteria* and several more will be published in future issues of the journal.

All of Dr. Hoffman's publications (scientific and popular, with two omissions noted below) that were published through 2008 were summarized in the bibliographies compiled by Joseph C. Mitchell (2009; herpetological titles), Petra Sierwald (2009; myriapodological titles), and me (Roble, 2009; all other Hoffman publications) for the *Festschrift* volume published in honor of his 80th birthday and career accomplishments (Roble & Mitchell, 2009). In that work, I prepared three graphs that summarized the volume and scope of Dr. Hoffman's writings over a period of 65 years (1944-2008). I have now updated these graphs (Figs. 1-3) for the benefit of *Banisteria* readers to include papers (including those appearing in this issue) that were published during the last four years of his life (2009-2012). Starting at the age of 17, Richard Hoffman published at least one scientific paper per year for 69 consecutive years, averaging almost eight papers and more than 100 printed pages annually. In the past two decades he published more papers pertaining to the natural history of Virginia (mostly included in the "Other taxa and misc." line of Fig. 2) and somewhat fewer on millipeds.

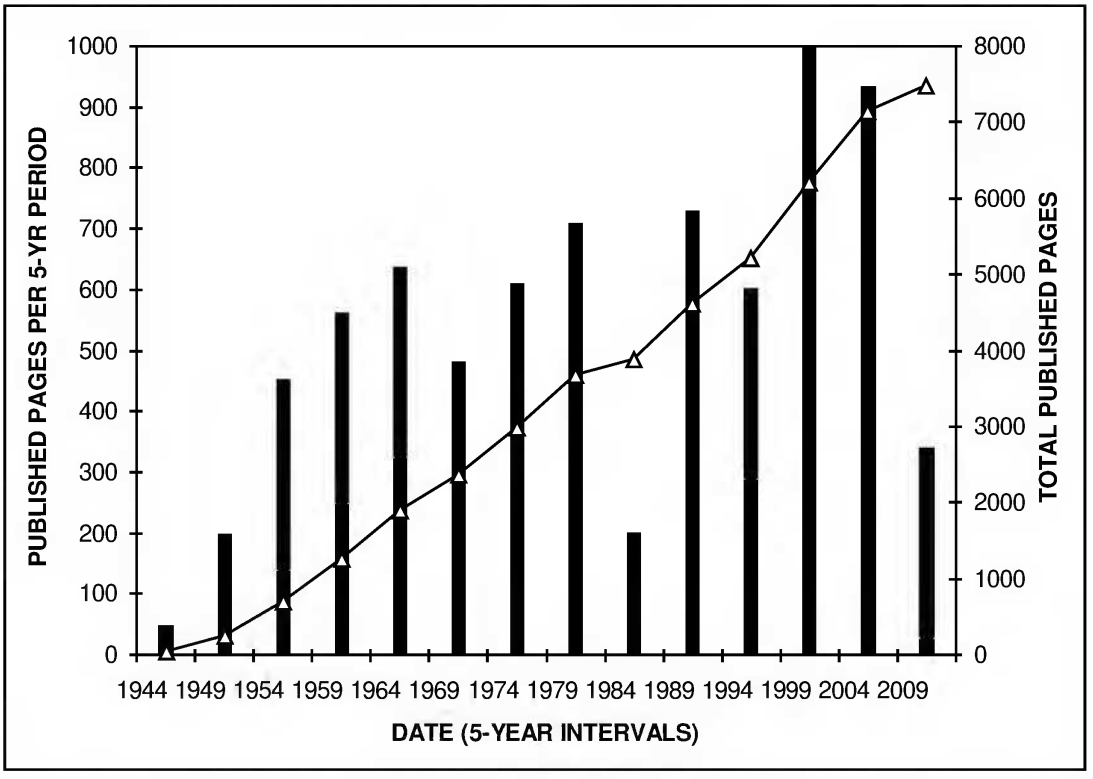


Fig. 1. Summary of Richard Hoffman's scientific publications 1944-2012; the last interval spans the final four years of his life. He was the sole author of the vast majority of his papers, which accounted for an average of more than 100 printed pages annually over nearly seven decades.

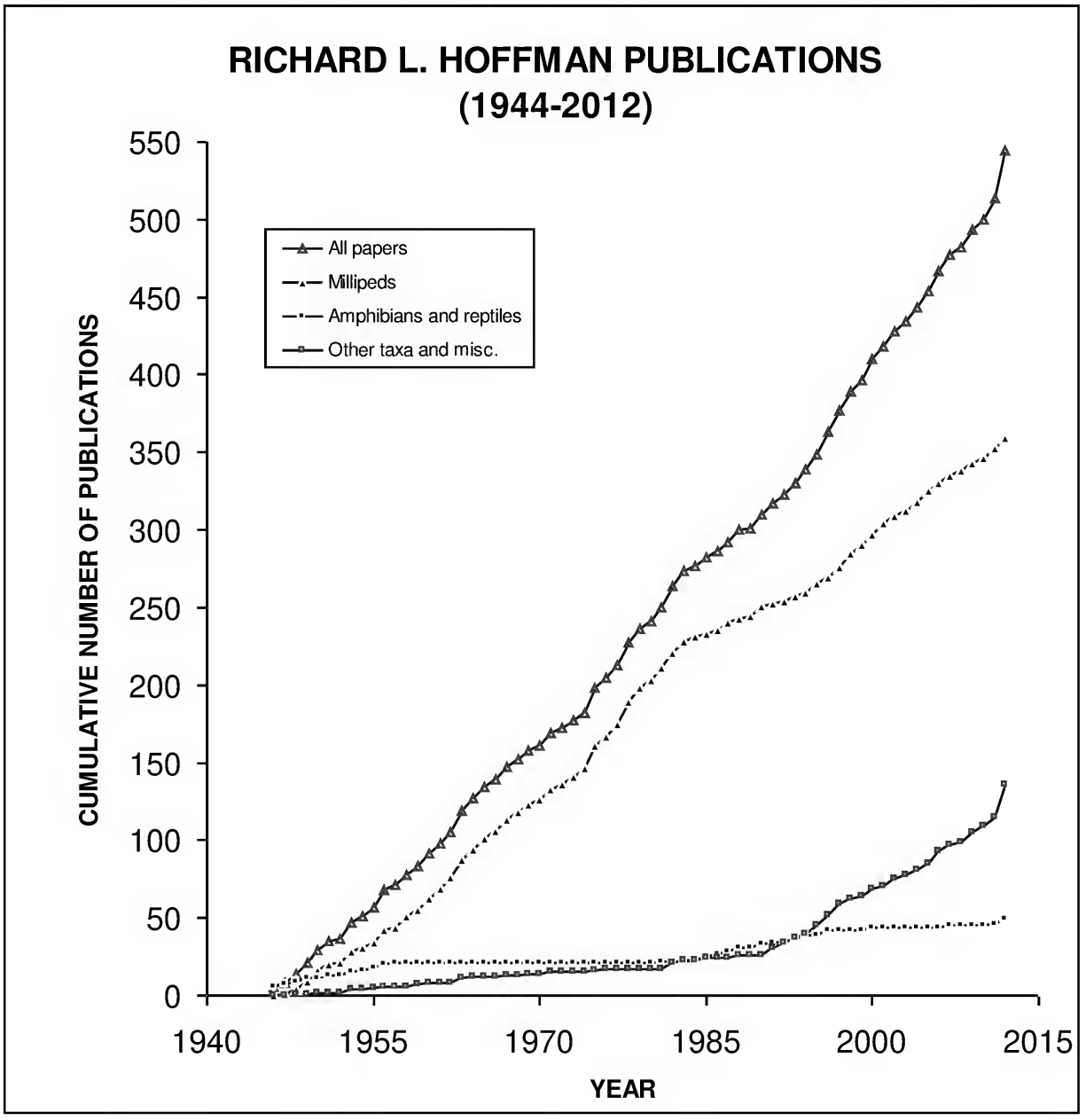


Fig. 2. Summary of Richard Hoffman's scientific publications 1944-2012. Most of his papers concerned milliped taxonomy, for which he was the world's foremost authority. He also published more than 50 popular articles that are not included in this figure. Note the consistency of the slope of the "All papers" line over nearly seven decades, averaging almost eight papers annually.

Richard Hoffman was the most frequent and prolific contributor to *Banisteria*, publishing 91 papers (52 as sole and 21 as first author), five book reviews, and one obituary through 2012. He was also a founding coeditor, associate editor, and frequent peer reviewer. A complete list of his *Banisteria* contributions (in chronological order) appears below, along with a summary of his other known publications (n = 26), mostly pertaining to milliped taxonomy, of which he was the world's foremost authority, that have appeared since 2008. All told, Dr. Hoffman published 59 papers in the past four years. The final tally of his scientific papers and books will undoubtedly exceed 550 titles and 7,500 pages.

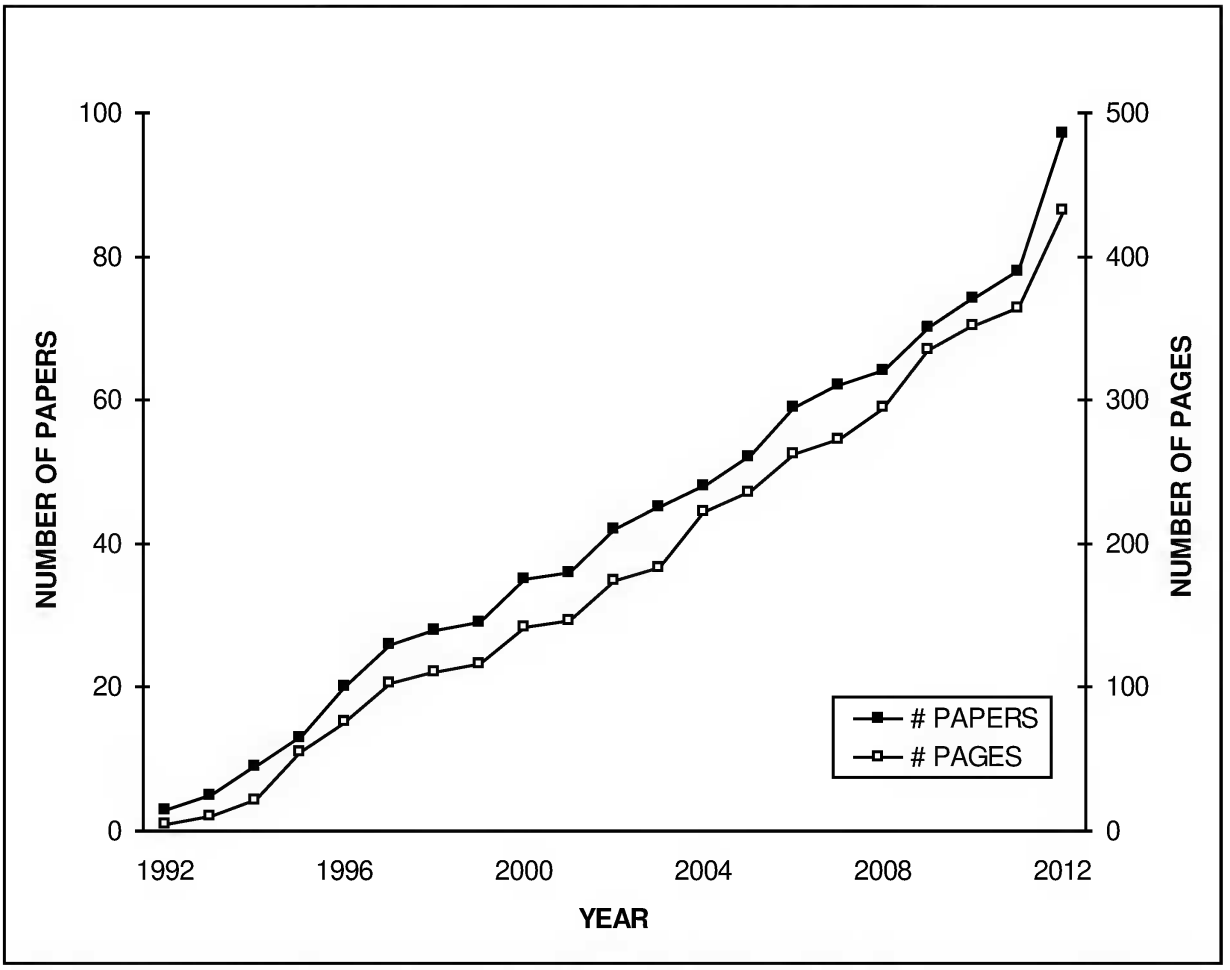


Fig. 3. Summary of Richard Hoffman's publications in *Banisteria* 1992-2012 (includes five book reviews and an obituary). He was by far the most frequent and prolific contributor to this journal, of which he was a cofounder and original coeditor. Dr. Hoffman suggested the journal name to honor John Banister (1650-1692), the first university-trained naturalist to work in Virginia.

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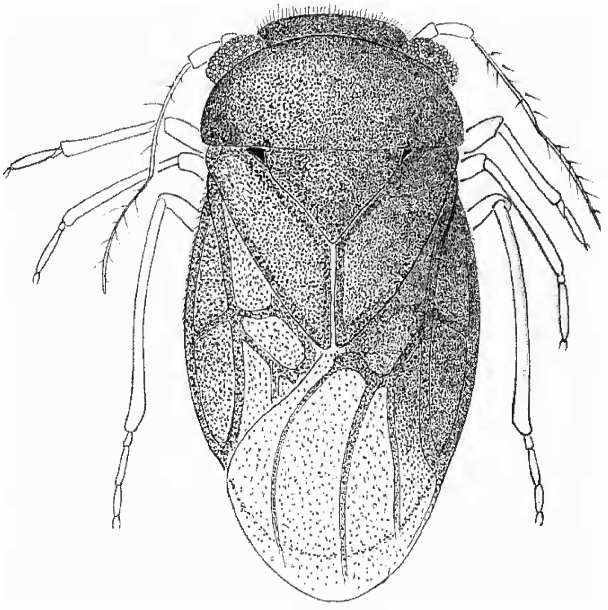

*Corixidea major* McAtee and Malloch, a rarely collected true bug (Heteroptera: Schizopteridae), length <1.5 mm; original drawing by Richard L. Hoffman (previously published as the cover illustration for *Banisteria* 26).